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Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder Challenges Missouri Elected Officials to Participate in the **2006 Komen-St. Louis Race for the Cure®**

*Kinder to Dedicate His Participation to
Secretary of State Robin Carnahan*

Jefferson City—Missouri Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder held a press briefing Monday morning at the Siteman Cancer Center in St. Louis, to urge all Missourians to participate in the **2006 Komen-St. Louis Race for the Cure®** and to dedicate his efforts in this years run, to Secretary of State Robin Carnahan, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Lt. Governor Kinder was joined by Senator Maida Coleman (D-5) and Representative Rachel Storch (D-64), to collectively encourage their fellow state and local elected officials to join with them in the 2006 Komen-St. Louis Race for the Cure® to support the fight against breast cancer.

“When I ran in last years race, I was struck by how thousands of other people, most of whom are fighting or had been affected in some way by breast cancer, were taking the time to band together to fight this awful disease” said Lt. Governor Kinder. He added, “Moms and dads, sons and daughters, cousins, in-laws, neighbors and friends of breast cancer patients, all banded together to show we care.”

Since its inception in 1999, Komen St. Louis has raised over \$6 million for the fight against breast cancer. Seventy-five percent (75%) of these funds have been granted to local agencies for breast health and breast cancer specific education, screening, treatment and support programs. The remaining twenty-five percent (25%) has been distributed to the Komen Foundation to fund its Award and Research Grant Program which funds groundbreaking breast cancer research.